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GREAT TERRITORIAL MASS CONVENTION

Under the Auspices of the Suffrage League A' Successful Meeting Resulted--A Permanent Organization,

There was an inter-territorial convention of colored citizens held at the opera house in this city at which probably three hundred delegates were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by C. J. Jones of Muskogee, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Lacy. The chairman addressed the delegates on the subject of single statehood and declared the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of memorializing congress to pass the Hamilton statehood bill, providing for statehood with Oklahoma on terms of equality, and insisting on the rights of franchise for all American citizens, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude. A motion prevailed to perfect an organization, the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. At the afternoon session the following officers were elected:

Following are the permanent officers elected:

Chairman, W. A. Rentie.

Secretary, G. W. Davidson.

Vice Chairmen; Creek nation, C. J. Jones; Choctaw, E. E. McDaniel; Chickasaw, T. S. E. Brown; Cherokee, Doc Vann; Seminole, W. D. Shawnee.

Assistant Secretary, Prof. C. B. Bryant

Treasurer, J. B. McCulloch.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Ed. Jefferson.

The object of the meeting as stated in the call, and by the chairman did not include election of a delegate to Washington at this time, hence the men who captured the machinery were away when the henchmen of the great and only egotist sprang the election of a delegate.

"THE SLATE GOT BROKE."

The Jones' forces did not control the convention, the election of W. A. Rentie as chairman and A. S. McRea as chairman of the Ex. Com. shows that the anti Jones people hold the machinery of the organization. It was in the dying hours of the convention when a majority or nearly all of those in attendance had gone when one of the Jones henchmen sprung the question that the mighty autocrat be sent to Washington as a delegate, even then there were enough of the faithful

to put up such a fight that he only got in by the skin of his teeth.

Jones showed his ignorance of parliamentary law or a wanton disregard for law in his first ruling that there could be no temporary organization because it was not a delegated convention. This of course was in aid of his own candidacy and when he saw he could not be Permanent Chairman, he magnanimously stated its best to elect some one else. After declaring that the star chamber caucus that selected him as chairman could not be overruled he proceeded in the most disgraceful manner to refuse recognition to men on the floor whom he disliked. There were two men who are well known in business life that the chair could not see until the new chairman was elected. Jones made speech No. 1 which was well received and aside from the attempted reflections on the editor of this paper was a very good effort. Speech No. 2 which was made while he was still in the assumed position of chairman and was not so well received, as it was the same old speech made in the morning. The Jones henchmen have begun to crow too soon. The machinery of the organization is not in Jones' hand and there are no provisions made for credentials or expenses. We understand that four of the henchmen are going to sweep the country soliciting means, but unless they get the order from the executive committee there will be something doing when they start on their rounds. "He laughs best who laughs last."

Notes Extraordinary!!

Mesdames G. L. Trigg and Mabel Taylor gave a grand cantata in the opera house in Vinita on the 22nd ult, after which they visited the World's Fair in St. Louis and report a pleasant trip.

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Colored Masons Met

In a World's Congress at St. Louis,—St. John the Recognized Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and Indian Territory,

The International Congress of colored master Masons of the United States and Canada conducted a success meeting at St. Louis last week.

Mr. Chinn said that the call for his congress was inspired by the effort of Trans-Atlantic jurisdictions to bring about a world's Masonic league, similar to The Hague tribunal of arbitration, with a system of universal representation and the negro Masons of America should get in line with this progressive movement.

Rev. E. W. Lampton, grand master of Mississippi, offered prayer and led in singing. Grand Master A. R. Chinn of Missouri extended fraternal greetings to the visitors.

Grand Master Chinn was chosen temporary chairman, and Grand Secretary J. H. Pelham of Missouri was made temporary secretary. J. Milton Turner chairman of the grand lodge committee, delivered the address of welcome, to which J. W. Lewis, grand master of Louisiana, responded. J. W. Boon ("Blind Boon") of Kansas rendered several piano selections, and Prof. J. C. Corbin of Arkansas read a paper on "The Free Mason of the Twentieth Century."

At the opening of the after-noon session the committee on credentials reported 102 delegates representing fourteen states, two territories and the District of Columbia. Rev. E. W. Lampton, grand master of the state of Mississippi who was recently elected financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., was chosen as permanent chairman, Grand Secretary J. L. N. Smith of Maryland and E. J. Alexander of Florida assistant secretaries, and William McDonald of Texas treasurer.

The congress adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m. and reassembled in the form of a grand lodge of sorrow, with stations: E. W. Lampton, W. M.; A. R. Chinn deputy; J. H. Kenner, S. W.; H. L. Harris, J. W.; J. H. Dickerson, chaplain; Thos. A. Jordan, master of ceremonies; J. H. Pelham, secretary; Wm. McDonald, treasurer.

The features of the closing session were reading and discussing of the report of committee on charities, which showed that the eighteen jurisdictions represented had collected and distributed nearly \$5,000,000 during the past five years for charity. Prof. J. H. Pelham of Hannibal, Mo. grand secretary of Missouri, read a paper on "Practical Masonry," embracing a comprehensive plan for uniformity in the ritualistic work of the order, which was ordered printed for distribution.

The delegates to the congress were given an outing at night at Bloemake's grove, No. 6200 North Broadway.

The grand council of the colored Scottish Rite Masons will be convened in in Masonic hall at 10: o'clock this morning by Milton F. Shields, sovereign grand commander.

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Help The Church.

To the Race Loving Negro of Muskogee and the Vicinity Thereunto belonging: Peace and Prosperity to you and Yours—

Friends, circumstances over which you and I have no control has placed the new unfinished church of the First Baptist of this city in a deplorable condition being an eyesore to all christian feeling people, and feeling as we do, that we as a people individually and collectively are interested in the finishing of this edifice, and after talking over the matter with many of our friends and believing as they did, that, the said church came in its present condition unintentionally by mismanagement, therefore we suggest and employ every lover of God's church regardless of sect, creed, member or friend, of other churches to meet at the unfinished church on the corner of 5th and Denison street at 2 p. m. Tuesday, August 30, 1904, and their briefly and harmoniously discuss and formulate; take subscriptions and cash to finish this church ere the frost of winter comes. We are persuaded we can easily raise two thousand dollars or more to roof this church so these good people can go in it, and finish it. This will be in keeping with Muskogee's ways of doing, thereby dispensing some good. God bless us, and we thereby removing a great stigma from our people and helping as best we can in an humble way to beautify Greater Muskogee. We give to railroads and other city building enterprises. Why not to the house of God. Be not jealous church we are your friends.

Dr. Waterford,
Editor Brooks,
W. H. Twine,
Lewis Whiple,
R. Wood,

Promoters.

A mass meeting of colored citizens, composed largely of visitors from other states who are attend the World's Fair and the various national conventions that have held sessions here recently, was held at Masonic hall yesterday afternoon. Dr. E. W. Lampton of Mississippi who is one of the candidates for Republican presidential electors at large in that state was chosen as chairman and E. E. Perkins of Mississippi was elected secretary.

The political situation, as it affects the negro race, was discussed and the following resolutions was adopted:

Resolve that it is the same of this meeting that a crisis of such gravity is confronting the negro race of the country that we will be untrue to ourselves if we do not take cognizance of the grave perils that now threaten our lives, liberty and future existence in these United States.

That we believe President Roosevelt, by his public actions and repeated exponents of justice before the law and equality of opportunity for every citizen, regardless of race, color or previous condition; and that, therefore, the weight of our influence and our most earnest labors should be given to promote the success of the Republican party at the coming national election.